TOBACCO STAMPS CAUSE MUCH TALK

Lively Hearing Before Assistant Secretary Taylor.

PRESIDENT TO REVIEW CASE

Independents Uphold Recent Armstrong Order-Samuel Gompers Speaks for Labor.

Arguments for and against the proposed change of the customs stamp for imported cigars, Cuban-made, as planned under a recent order of Acting Secretary Robert B. Armstrong, of the Treasury Department, were heard yes-terday by Assistant Secretary H. A. Taylor in his office at the department, and resulted in some spicy verbal ex-

Not only were differences of opinio developed between representatives of "trust" interests and the "independents," but even between the officials themselves. The hearing lasted nearly four hours, in which time a dozen of the most prominent men in the tobacc trade in America gave their views.

Origin of Controversy.

The subject under discussion was the order framed by Acting Secretary Armstrong a few weeks ago, on the strength of representations made to the department, and issued by him with Secretary Shaw's approval. The order was to print new labels for clears imported from Cuba, retiring the pink label which now marks the imported trust-made goods and substituting for it a plain blue stamp resembling the usual internal rev-

Official orders were issued for this much of the plan, and it was intended, when the new stamps were furnished, to issue an additional order to the customs division to have the new stamp affixed to the bottom of the cigar box instead of around the end as at pres-

Trust Makes Complaint.

These changes impelled the trust interests to complain to the President that the removal of the pink label would in-jure their business, as it had come to be regarded by the public as a standard of excellence in Havana cigars. The independents replied to this yes-

terday by declaring that the trust, by its argument on this point, virtually claimed the United States Government asked only a fair field and no favors, and that if the labels were made uniform with the internal revenue stamp, as contemplated by the Armstrong order, they would be contented to have the rival kinds of cigars sell entirely

The hearing yesterday came about, therefore, in consequence of the complaint of the trust, the interposition of the President directing the matter to be held in abeyance until a full and free hearing could be held for all interests affected, and the order of the content of the pressure of the content of the pressure of the content of the pressure of the pressure of the content of the pressure of the pressure of the content of the pressure of the content of the pressure of t hearing could be held for all interests affected, and the order of Acting Sec-

over at great length yesterday, and then everyone so desiring had spoken, Mr. Taylor adjourned the hearing and assented to the request of the independents for an early ruling by the depart-

Steal March on Trust.

Later in the afternoon, a delegation of the independents, headed by Samuel Gompers, of Washington, in his capacity of first vice president of the Cigarma kers's International Union of America, called at the White House and obtained from President Roosevelt assurances that he would take up personally, without delay, the controversy between their interests and the so-called trust interests.

A stenographic report of the hearing was taken and will be placed in the President's hands tomorrow morning. He will then review the case personally, considering such recommendations as may be made by the Treasury officials

Three Officials Interested.

An interesting incident of the controversy is that all three Assistant Secretaries of the department have been concerned in some way with the development of the case. As shown at the hearing, Mr. Armstrong framed the order; Mr. Keep issued it to the stationery and engraving division for execution, and Mr. Taylor suspended its going into effect, until, as Acting Secretary, he could look into the subject matter of the case.

This puts Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Keep in support of the order, and Mr. Taylor practically opposing it. The last named official assured all present, however, that he was only seeking information and

he was only seeking information and stamp. had not the least bias in the matter He termed the hearing a "free-for-all, and said he would remain at his desk as long as an jone wished to be heard.

Half Hour Wasted.

Mr. Taylor thereupon called on the independents to state their "objections." This came as a surprise to them. Fin-Wise, of New York city, counsel for the lean cigars. Cigar Manufacturers' Association of America and the Havana Cigar Manufacturers' Association of the United States, comprising all the independent cigar manufacturers of the country. He said they had no complaints of any kind to make; that they merely wished the order of Assistant Secretary strong to remain in force. He did not see why the independents should take the offense, he said, since the ruling of Mr. Armstrong as acting secretary was

the law.
Taylor said the speaker's last ment was made in error. This brought the matter up to Mr.
Armstrong, who declared he had told
Secretary Shaw about the plan, that the
latter had approved it in detail and that official correspondence on this point id speak for itself. Mr. Keep assent-

Not a Closed Episode. "Well, the present acting secretary

did not know it," said Mr. Taylor, re-ferring to himself. "We must have some basis to talk on." "It was so decreed by Mr. Armstrong," said Mr Wise, "and we regard it as a

closed episode."

Taylor, "it's just opened."

WILL ONE DAY RULE GERMANY



CROWN PRINCE FREDERICK AND HIS BRIDE-ELECT.

This Photograph Was Taken Shortly After the Betrothal Was Publicly An-

CECILIA HOLDS HEART OF THE CROWN PRINCE

Future Kaiser Deeply Smitten by Charms of the Beautiful Young Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin

of Germany to the young Duchess Ce- fection of the young crown prince. Durcilia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin was re-cently announced, and although it is at her home the young people forgot all as a partner, and needed the pink la-bel's protection to run its business suc-cessfully. The independents said they again lost his heart and, it is believed, young people can.

this time for good.

When the two young people became who was giving a state dinner, and in has been first this one and then that, a pretty toast Emperor William an- and, strange as it may seem, the ma-

The engagement of the Crown Prince is said to have completely won the af-

In affairs of the heart the young Crown Prince of Germany may be said engaged the young prince immediately to have many more cases to his credit telegraphed to his father, the Emperor, than most young men of his age. It

Trust Attorney Speaks.

trust is called. He argued that as the those instances press their claims furlaw had not been changed since its ther. adoption in 1865, it should not be altered Oth now. He declared that the express purpose of the change was to make it less easy to determine whether cigars were imported or domestic, and it would unloubtedly make frauds easier.

J. B. Cobb, vice president of the Amercan Tobacco Company, said that it was

Gompers Upholds Laber.

upon which an import stamp is required war, did American smokers get to and its conspicuousness worked an in only asked that foreign cigars be mad response came from Morris S to stand on their merits with the Amer-

Mr. 'aylor called attention to the fact that the Dingley tariff law required a "conspicuous" stamp on imported ar-ticles, and announced that he would ask for a legal opinion as to whether that applied to cigars.

Point Scored by Gompers.

"It you can make this stamp so in-onspicuous that it can't be seen, then ou won't have so much refilling of commented Mr. Parker. "Then it's a good argument in favor

"It would reduce the law-Gompers. breaking act of refilling."

Mr. Wise asked whether labeling each cigar was not the best means of breaking up substitution.

Mr. Parker admitted this, and said his company was using band labels for that

Representative Payne's Idea.

Mr Armstrong said that the first idea of making the change had come to him from Representative Sereno E. Payne. chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, who had indicated aid Mr Wise, "and we regard it as a losed episode."

"Well. it's not closed," said Mr. Taylor, "it's just opened."

This sparring for position continued when flat indicated his belief that the import stamp should be abolished or made less conspicuous in order to prevent discrimination against an American industry.

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Limited. "Hourly Service" Saturday.

Keep's requisition for the necessary printing having established the contested point as to whether any official order had been actually issued. Assistant Secretary Armstrong spoke up and urged that the objections of the American Tobacco Company to his order should be first defined. Addressing Mr. Taylor, he said:

"I am here in the position of being overrruled. If you have no personal feeling in the matter, I would like to have them state their position."

"There is no personal feeling at all," "There is no personal feeling at all," responded Mr. Taylor, somewhat sharp-responded Mr. Taylor, somew Mr. Bijur showed a thorough acquaintance with all national legislation

affecting the tobacco industry in Other speakers for the independents

facturers' Association of Tampa, Fla.; Simon Batt, president of the Havana Cigarmakers' Association of the United States; Daniel Harris, chairman of the advisory board of the Cigarmakers' Union of New York, comprising sixteen unions with 9,500 members, and John the International Association of Inde pendent Tobacco Manufacturers.

Counsel Parker made some further remarks in summing up the case for his side, and said he heard that several other men who had come to the hearing wished to speak for his side. To this offer three men responded—R. C. Faber, of New York; Robert Estabrook, of Boston, and John Wagner, of Philadelphia.

Beating Down Prejudice.

Finally Mr. Wise began a summingup for his side, the independents. He said it was not a new position his side tion with other countries. is taking, as argued by opposing coun-Samuel Gompers, representing the come American prejudice against home-cigarmakers' international Union, point-ed out that cigars were the only thing embargo went into effect in the Spanish home-made cigars, he said, and the ampaign of education had been carried

For the best interests of the many, the Civic Federa ven if at the sacrifice of the few, Mr. Wise contended the Armstrong order mcClellan at a in the evening.

LOCAL NEGRO TO FIGHT "JIM CROW" CAR LAW

W. H. H. Hart, the local negro lawyer, who was indicted by the grand jury at Elkton, Md., for violating the "Jim Union, has been one of the Crow" car law, it is said, will fight the matter to the extreme limit of the law peace advocates. A member, matter to the extreme limit of the law peace advocates. A membe and will take it to the highest court if lan parliament, an ex-cabine necessary. It is understood the matter will come on for hearing in the early dealing with interna will come on for hearing in the early part of the coming week. Mr. Hart has, it is reported, engaged Attorney McCullough, of Baltimore, for his defense. It is also expected that Mr. Hart will take a very active part in his over many of the foreign

own defense.

As this is the first instance in Maryland in which a negro has been indicted for a violation of the railroad law which provides separate accommodations for white and colored persons, the result of white and colored persons, the result of the colored persons, the result of the colored persons, the result of the colored persons in the colored persons in the color colored persons in the can due to the color of the color

PRESIDENT TO FURTHER THE HAGUE CONGRESS

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nation to take the lead, being great, and renowned for its practical spirit, and,

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he whole civilized world."

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plying to you we address ourselves to an as the establishment of The Hague arnest defender of international justice, Tribunal and bear in mind the fact that you were turned the governments toward the first court of arbitration of The Hague." ne first head of a government who this me

Some Things Left Undone. The President's response was as fol-

"I greet you with profound pleasure representatives in a special sense of e great international movement for peace and good will among the nations

of the earth, "It is a matter of gratification to all Americans that we have had the honor to receive you here as national guests. You are men skilled in the practical work of government in your several countries, and this fact adds weight to your championship of the cause of in-ternational justice. I thank you for your kind allusions to what the Government of the United States has accomis hed for the policies you have at heart, and I assure you that this Government's attitude will continue changed in reference thereto. We are even now taking steps to secure arbitration treaties with all other govern-ments which are willing to enter into them with us.

"in response to your resolution I shall at an early date ask the other nations o join in a second congress at The Hague. I feel, as I am sure you do, that our efforts should take the shape of pushing forward toward completion work already begun at The Hague, and that whatever is now done should appear not as divergent therefrom but is a continuance thereof.

"At the first conference at The Hague several questions were left unsettled. and it was expressly provided that there should be a second conference A reasonable time has elapsed and I feel that your body has shown sound udgment 'n concluding that a second onference should now be called to carry ome steps farther toward completion he work of the first. It would be visionary to expect too immediate suc-cess for the great cause you are cham-Very substantial progress can made if we strive with reso good sense toward the goal of securing among the nations of the earth, as among the individuals of each nation. just sense of responsibility in each toward others, and a just recognition in each of the rights of others. The right and the responsibility must go hand in hand. Our effort must be unceasing both to secure in each nation full acknowledgment in the rights of others to bring about in each nation an ever growing sense of its own

"At an early date I shall issue the call for the conference you asked.
[Applause.] I again greet you and bid
you welcome in the name of the American people, and wish you God-speed in your efforts for the common good of mankind.

Seeing the Sights.

Except for the reception at the White the Interparliamentary Union day to go sightseeing through the city. various points of interest in groups and parties, and showing keen interest in the historic environment of the Capital.

A noteworthy incident of the day was the visit of a party of the delegates to retary Taylor temporarily suspending the Armstrong order until the whole matter is reviewed by the department.

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Some Speech-Making.

At the central table were President Thereupon the subject was taken up by Junius Parker, general counsel for the American Tobacco Company, as the tradicted statements made by the trust bers of the body. Informal speech-makers from Sir Philip Stanhope, president of the Brit-President Bartholdt. The address was for the courtesies shown the visitors during their stay in the United States. Assistant Secretary Armstrong, of the Treasury Department, made a brief address, and the speech-making was con-Randal-Cremer, founder of the Interparliamentary Union. Mr. Cremer expressed his gratification with the achieve ments of the present conference, describing the success attending its efforts as the crowning event of his life.

The President's Utterance.

Mr. Cremer laid stress on the signifident at the reception in the White House. He held that no greater degree of success could have been asked for ment that the United States is now seeking to establish treaties of arbitra

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The delegates will leave Washington today for New York. The trip will be made in two special trains, one departing in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The party will then disband, although it is not likely that the foreign delegates will depart for a day or two. The members of the union have been invited to attend a reception tomorrow afternoon to be given in their hotor by the Civic Federation of New York. They will be the guests of Mayor George P. McClellan at a dinner in the City Cle The delegates will leave Washington McClellan at a dinner in the City

GREAT PROGRES OF PEACE ID

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NATIONAL MEETING FEW SUITS FILED OF BOYS' BRIGADE

October 7, 8, and 9 parliament of nations is not constituted

"It is perfectly practicable to realize at will Assemble Here on Backwardness of Creditors

Causes Surprise.

AGAINST WAGGAMAN

Meeting Will Constitute Part of the Program.

ectly concerned in many of the great Two thousand youths of soldierly bearjuestions which divide other nations, so that it is least suspected of partiality. cational questions, and a special guest of the Government on the interparliaentary tour, expressed his views on 9 at the Mount Vernon Place Methodist capacity as trustees.

"We are witnessing one of the events in the history of the world," he said. "Seventeen years ago a man named Cremer appeared in Washington with a memorial, requesting the United States to take the lead in opening negotiations nearly completed, and save for a few minor details everything is in readiness for the reception and entertainment of the boys. The program of the three days' meeting has been prepared on an elaborate scale, providing for athletic sports, competitive drill, an excursion down the Potomac, and a parade through the city. The convention will wind up with a big religious mass meeting. with one nation for the execution of an arbitration treaty between that nation and the United States. The memoria! was signed by 231 members of the Brit-

"Yesterday, the same man appeared in Will Arrive October 6. Washington with a memorial, request-ing the United States to take the lead The boy-delegates are expected to arin assembling every nation of the world in conference, for the more conrive Thursday, October 6, in order that venient and perfect execution of treaties of arbitration. This memorial was presented to the President today, on behalf of over 2,000 members of seventeen national parliaments—all the important parliaments of Europe.

"A century or more ago Washington and his contemporaries were fighting to make certain political principles prevail on the Atlantic seaboard of America. Countrymen of the French delegates to this Interparliamentary Union were aiding them. The countrymen of the British delegates were fighting to prevent this.

"A few years after our fathers had won and had formed this nation founded on these ideas, France was in convulsions struggling to make a secondary of the context of the various organizations.

Following day without delay. The excursion on the river will be the first order of events on Friday morning. In the afternoon athletic sports will be held at the Y. M. C. A. grounds, and the evenling will see the chief military function of the convention, when a competitive drill will be held for the cup of fered by General Bope, commander-inchief of the Boys' Brigade.

The context for this cup is sure to abound with keen rivalry. To possess it is the ambition of every company comprising the brigade, and it is an onounced that the boys will come well prepared to make a good showing. The regulations of the drill which they will be put through in the course of the context of the context of the care of the cup of the context of the context of the care of the cup of the context of the cup of the context of the context of the context of the context of the cup of th enient and perfect execution of treaties

"Having restored monarchy in France and Spain at a time when democracy was taking possession of those nations, Europe contemplated carrying on this course in South America also. The United States served notice that if it was attempted on this continent she would have to be dealt with, as this country was to be reserved for the working out of the ideas of Washington and his compatriots.

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"And now the representatives of England and France and of twelve other nations carry to the tomb of Washington tokens of gratitude for the principles he fought to make prevail in America, which every one of the nations has adopted and incorporated in its constitution to a great degree. At the tomb of Washington they bow themselves before the principles which he served so well, and confess that these principles were a service to the world.

"Thus it is that we witness today one of the events which begins epochs in the life of man."

The boys will be invited to rous churches throughout Sunday morning, and in mass meeting will be invited to rous church. Genders the boys.

The brigade in its 50,000 boys.

VAN DOORSLAER'S

Members of the Belgian group of the Interparliamentary Union have temporarily taken charge of the body of Hecsix mi or Van Doorslaer, clerk of the house of deputies of Belgium, who was found ing terday morning.

Cable dispatches have been sent to Mr. Van Doorslaer's relatives in Belgium has been received from the family y The body will be held here awaiting

PRIZE DRILLS BIG FEATURE NOT A DOZEN CASES BROUGHT Athletic Sports and Religious Mas: One New Suit Filed to Remove Waggaman as Trustee of Byrne

Considering the large amount for ing will soon be flocking to Washing-ton. Their presence here will be in con-the great number of his creditors, some ction with the national convention of surprise has been expressed because of the United Boys' Brigade, of America, the small number of suits begun against to be held in this city October 7, 8, and him, both individually, and in his official

More than a month has elapsed since Arrangements for the convention are proceedings in bankruptcy were begun

In all, however, not a dozen suits have been filed. Those docketed are about equally divided between the equity, law, and bankruptcy branches of the the convention may be opened on the following day without delay. The ex-As it is generally believed that Wagmorrow by Chief Justice Clabaugh, pre siding in the bankruptcy court, it wa expected that many creditors, wait to see what turn matters would to would yesterday have filed their

Only one of this class, however To Remove Waggama ourt reinstate a certain ompel a discovery, and

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Following the military drill will come byrne, and Following cup being presented to the victorious contestants. The signal corps' competitive drill will be the next order of the program. In this contest the judges, in making the award will consider rapidity of establishing stations, speed of transmission, accuracy, appearance, discipline, and condition of apparatus. Byrne, and Fra

Business of Convention. The first business session of the convention will be held Saturday morning. when officers for the ensuing year are to be elected. The street parade will be to be elected. The street parade will held in the afternoon. The boys form at John Marshall Place, march west on Pennsylvania Avenue to Waington Circle, east on K Street to Carnegie Library, where the will be disbanded. Saturday will be devoted to the awarding als for the athletic sports, an petitive drills.

DEPARTMEN BATTLES

DEATH SUDDEN

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